**Discussion Starters: (But feel free to take conversations in different directions!)**

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| * What is different about her relationship with Alcee Arobin than with Robert Lebrun? What is similar? |
| * What would Edna's view of a perfect marriage be? Does such a thing exist? |
| * Why on Earth does Edna flirt and sleep with Arobin right after finding out that Robert will be home soon??? (You caught that, right?) |
| * How would this book be different if it centered on Mr. Pontellier's awakening and quest for personal and sexual fulfillment? Or rather, would it be different? |
| * In Chapter 27, Edna tells Alcee that Mademoiselle Reisz felt her shoulders for wings, explaining, "The bird that would soar above the level plain of tradition and prejudice must have strong wings. It is a sad spectacle to see the weaklings bruised, exhausted, fluttering back to earth." What does Mademoiselle mean by this? How might this quote be significant? |